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1. Pursuant to 37 CFR \$1.97 and \$1.98, and in compliance with 37 CFR \$1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending application, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed except for pending U.S. applications. Applicant(s) make no admission that the enclosed documents are prior art to the present invention.

2. Regarding each listed document that is not in the English language, an English-language translation accompanies this Statement as indicated on the attached PTO-1449 or a concise explanation of the relevance of the document is set forth below.

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